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A BILL FOR

1 An Act directing the department of natural resources to develop
2 and offer for use a mobile application for purchasing and
3 displaying licenses and tags for hunting and fishing.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.6A, subsection 3, Code 2019, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. The commission shall establish the number of annual
4 paddlefish fishing licenses that may be issued pursuant to
5 section 481A.39 for use on the Missouri or Big Sioux river.
6 A paddlefish fishing license shall be accompanied by a tag
7 designed to be used only once. If a paddlefish is taken
8 pursuant to a paddlefish fishing license, the paddlefish
9 shall be tagged immediately, or an electronic tag established
10 pursuant to section 483A.18A shall be filled immediately, and
11 the tag shall be dated.

12 Sec. 2. Section 483A.7, subsection 2, Code 2019, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 2. The wild turkey hunting license shall be accompanied
15 by a tag designed to be used only once. If a wild turkey
16 is taken, the wild turkey shall be tagged, or an electronic
17 tag established pursuant to section 483A.18A shall be filled
18 immediately, and the tag shall be dated.

19 Sec. 3. Section 483A.8, subsection 2, Code 2019, is amended
20 by adding the following new paragraph:

21 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Notwithstanding paragraphs "a" and "b",
22 a person hunting deer who has purchased a deer hunting license
23 and tag through a mobile application pursuant to section
24 483A.18A shall immediately fill an electronic tag except as
25 provided in section 483A.18A, subsection 2.

26 Sec. 4. Section 483A.18, Code 2019, is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 **483A.18 Form of licenses.**

29 All hunting, fishing, and fur harvester licenses shall
30 contain a general description of the licensee. Such licenses
31 shall be upon such forms as the commission shall adopt. The
32 address and the signature of the applicant and all signatures
33 and other required information shall be in writing except as
34 provided in section 483A.18A. All licenses shall clearly
35 indicate the nature of the privilege granted.

1 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. **483A.18A Mobile application to**
2 **purchase and display a permit, license, or tag — rules.**

3 1. The department shall develop and make available for use
4 a mobile application on which a person may purchase any permit,
5 license, or tag issued pursuant to this chapter. Permits,
6 licenses, and tags carried in an electronic format shall
7 display either a digitized image of a handwritten signature or
8 some other form of an electronic signature.

9 2. A physical tag is required if a hunter who takes a wild
10 turkey or deer leaves the immediate presence of the harvested
11 wild turkey or deer.

12 3. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
13 to implement this section.

14 Sec. 6. Section 483A.19, Code 2019, is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 **483A.19 Showing license document to officer.**

17 1. Every person shall, while fishing, hunting, or fur
18 harvesting, show the person's license document to any peace
19 officer or the owner or person in lawful control of the land
20 or water upon which licensee may be hunting, fishing, or
21 fur harvesting when requested by the persons to do so. Any
22 failure to so carry or refusal to show or so exhibit the
23 person's license document shall be a violation of **this chapter**.
24 However, except for possession and exhibition of deer licenses
25 and tags or wild turkey licenses and tags, a person charged
26 with violating **this section** shall not be convicted if the
27 person produces in court, within a reasonable time, a license
28 document for hunting, fishing, or fur harvesting issued to that
29 person and valid when the person was charged with a violation
30 of **this section**.

31 2. Display of a permit, license, or tag purchased pursuant
32 to section 483A.18A on a cellular telephone or other electronic
33 mobile or portable device shall satisfy the requirements of
34 subsection 1 of this section.

35 Sec. 7. Section 483A.24, subsection 7, Code 2019, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 7. A license shall not be required of minor pupils of the
 3 state school for the blind, state school for the deaf, or of
 4 minor residents of other state institutions under the control
 5 of an administrator of a division of the department of human
 6 services. In addition, a person who is on active duty with the
 7 armed forces of the United States, on authorized leave from
 8 a duty station located outside of this state, and a resident
 9 of the state of Iowa shall not be required to have a license
 10 to hunt or fish in this state. The military person shall
 11 carry the person's leave papers and a copy of the person's
 12 current earnings statement showing a deduction for Iowa income
 13 taxes while hunting or fishing. In lieu of carrying the
 14 person's earnings statement, the military person may also claim
 15 residency if the person is registered to vote in this state.
 16 If a deer or wild turkey is taken, the military person shall
 17 immediately contact a state conservation officer or use the
 18 mobile application developed pursuant to section 483A.18A to
 19 obtain an appropriate tag to transport the animal. A license
 20 shall not be required of residents of county care facilities
 21 or any person who is receiving supplementary assistance under
 22 chapter 249.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
 25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill directs the department of natural resources to
 27 develop and offer for use a mobile application on which a
 28 person may purchase permits, licenses, and tags for hunting
 29 and fishing. A permit, license, or fee purchased through the
 30 mobile application shall display either a digitized image
 31 of a handwritten signature or some other form of electronic
 32 signature. The bill requires a person to physically tag
 33 a harvested wild turkey or deer if the person leaves the
 34 immediate presence of the harvested wild turkey or deer. When
 35 required to show a license document to a peace officer or

1 person in lawful control of the land or water upon which a
2 licensee may be hunting, fishing, or fur harvesting, the hunter
3 may display a permit, license, or tag purchased through the
4 mobile application on a cellular telephone or other electronic
5 mobile or portable device.

6 The bill requires the department to adopt rules to regulate
7 the use of the mobile application.